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by order of the Secretary of War.  
By /s/ E. Checket, Major, Inf.

Q. State your name, rank, serial number, permanent home address, and any other pertinent information concerning yourself.

A. My name is William Robert LINDERFELT. I am a Sergeant, U.S.M.C., serial number 300955. My permanent home address is 4677 Garfield Street, La Mesa, California. I have a high school education.

Q. Will you state the name of the outfit and where you were taken prisoner and how long you remained a prisoner.

A. I was with the Fourth Regiment of the United States Marine Corps with headquarters at Corregidor. I was taken prisoner by the Japanese on the fall of Bataan on 9 April 1942 and remained a prisoner of the Japanese until approximately 15 August 1945.

Q. During your imprisonment were you ever held at the Yokkitie prison camp.

A. Yes. This camp was approximately 200 miles south of Tokyo.

Q. Will you relate the treatment at that camp with particular attention to beatings and cruelty.

A. I was at this camp from September 1944 until I was liberated. At three separate times I witnessed prisoners (five in all) who were strung upon ladders, hands tied to upper rungs so that their feet could not touch the ground. They were made to remain in that position from three to four hours at a time for several days. Sometimes weights were placed on their feet. When in that position they were beaten with sticks, belts and fists. Generally these beatings produced open cuts on their bodies into which guards threw salt. During this treatment the prisoners were given no food. Three of this group of five men were given this punishment for having stolen food and the other two for trying to get out of the barracks building, during air raids. This punishment was so severe that the men begged the Japanese guards to kill them.

An interpreter at the camp named KILO was principally responsible for this and similar treatment at the camp. He had a regular crew of henchmen to beat up prisoners. Among these henchmen was "Three Fingered Pete," "The Skull," and "Peg Leg Jack."

A Captain THOMPSON of the 31st Infantry, United States Army, has, I believe, the complete list of the Japanese who participated in this treatment. Also an Army Colonel by the name of STUBBS has some information.

I was beaten across my face by one of these henchmen by the name of CINCHO (nicknamed "All Men"), causing deep gashes in my forehead and on the top of my head. I am quite deaf and if I didn't respond quick enough I was beaten.

The interpreter KILO in order to determine whether the prisoners had taken any food and eaten, forcibly made prisoners vomit.

I can recall nothing further concerning these incidents which would be of value to the War Crimes Office, and I do not have any other information, favorable or unfavorable, which I consider of sufficient importance to report.

/s/ William R. Linderfelt

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA :  
: SS  
County of Alameda :

/s/ W.R.L.

I, William Robert Linderfelt of lawful age,  
being duly sworn, state that I have had read to me the foregoing transcription  
of my interrogation, consisting of two pages, and that all answers con-  
tained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ William R. Linderfelt

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of  
October, 1945, at Oakland, California.

/s/ James W. Reynold  
(Rank)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA :  
: SS  
County of Alameda :

I, James W. REYNOLDS, Lieut. USNR, certify that  
(Name) William Robert LINDERFELT (Rank) Sergeant (ASN) 300955,  
personally appeared before me on the 4th day of October, 1945, and  
testified concerning war crimes; and that the foregoing is an accurate  
transcription of the answers given by (him (her) to the several questions  
set forth.

Place: Oakland, CaliforniaDate: 3 October 1945

/s/ James W. Reynold

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A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

/s/ Edwin F. Svare  
EDWIN F. SVARE  
1st LT., INF.

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RESTRICTED /s/ E.C.

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私名前ハ「ウィリアム・マート・リンドフェルト」デス。  
私ハ本国海兵隊ノ軍曹デ軍籍番号「3009」  
五五番デス。

同、賣ラハ抑留中、「ヨッキナ」俘虜収容所ニ入レ

答、ハ「ソノ収容所」ハ東京ノ南約二百哩「アリマシタ」

同、ソノ収容所デ「取扱」ニ付テ「特ニ打撃」マモ待

答、私ハ一九四四年ノ九月カラ解放サレテ「ソノ収容

所」ニ居リマシタ。別々ニ三回私ハ捕虜（皆デ五

人）ガ梯子ノ上部ノ段ニ手ヲ括ラレ、足ガ地ニ着

カナイ様ニ「ヨリ」サレタノヲ目撃シマシタ。彼等ハ

ソノマ、一時ニ三四時間ツ、数日間モ置カレマシ

タ。時ニ足ニ「鏝」リガ加ヘラレマシタ。ソノ姿勢テ「棒

」ニ「着」骨等デ「ナグ」ラレマシタ。コウニテ「打」レタ

為大挫創ガ出来、衛兵ハソノ創ニ「搥」ラ「押」シ

ミマシタ。此、拷問中ハ捕虜ハ食物ヲ與ヘ

ラレマシタ。此、五人ノ「團」ノ三人ハ食物ヲ盗

ミタ。又他ノ二人ハ牢籠中収容所ノ建物

カラ外ヘ「出」ヨリマシタ。此、徴収「罰」ヲ受ケタノデ

ス。此「罰」ハ「ト」テモ「ヒ」トク。彼等ハ日本ノ衛兵ニ「殺

シ」テ「ト」テ「預」ミマシタ。

私ハ此等ハ「手」下「陣」ハ「ス」ハ「チ」ニ「テ」ヨ  
ト云フ名前（又「三」回「ヒ」ト云フ  
「緯」名ノ者ニ「顔」ヲ「ナ」ラレ、顔「ト」頭ノ先ニ「深」イ「創」ガ  
出来マシタ。私ハ全クノ聲ヲ「直」テ「返」答シ「テ」ハ「打」タレマシタ。  
通訳「キ」ロ「ハ」捕虜ガ「何」カ「食」物ヲ「取」ッ「テ」食「ハ」タ「カ」ト「ウ」カ「フ」  
「断」定「ス」ル「者」ニ「無」理ニ「捕」虜「ヲ」ニ「吐」カセマシタ。